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# Commercial Kalamazoo





# THE CELERY CITY

*The din of commerce greets the listener's ear,  
Hammer and anvil sound an echo clear ;  
The sturdy tread of honest labor's foot  
Tells where the oak of progress finds a root.*



HE PRIMITIVE and painted warrior who stood upon the bank of what is now Kalamazoo river a quarter of a century ago, could not have imagined in his wildest hours that a child of his could live to see a stately city rise from the prairie and point its hundreds of factory chimneys toward the azure dome. But such a vision became palpable—and he, himself, bore reluctant evidence of the first step toward this wondrous transformation. The white man came, and the red brother abandoned his tepee and disappeared before the wave of civilization.

Now, Kalamazoo is a progressive city of thirty thousand progressive people ; brim full of business and bustle, and toiling tirelessly. Her citizens are pleased with her past, proud of her present and confident of her future. The fleeting years have made much of her and she stands today a queen amid queens and destined for great ends. Men come and go ; clouds form and burst ; stars rise and fade ; but fair Kalamazoo came to stay. Her pulse beats with enduring vigor and the chill of decrepitude can never reach her heart.

It is not the intention of this little book, however, to give an unnatural gloss to her present or future. We deal only in facts ; cold, hard realities. Kalamazoo was settled by sturdy men from New England, and their descendants are here today. They are not rainbow chasers, fiction fanciers or snake charmers ; they are citizens with a world of faith in their own right arms. Unaided they have established a wonderful manufacturing municipality. Without soliciting outside capital they have built hundreds of industries whose product foots many millions every year, and constantly growing. They have created a city with broad paved streets, luxurious homes, unequalled water and sewer systems and perfect fire and police protection ; a city where good government and enterprise march hand in hand. The men who have made this rose to blossom are in a position to talk facts. Facts are what they speak today. They are talking to you.

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# Past and Present



## The Origin of Kalamazoo

Kalamazoo was not always named such, but was changed by legislation in the year 1836, from the name of Bronson, which was given it in 1831, by the incorporators of the village, of which Titus Bronson was the pioneer, being the first white settler to erect a home, in the year 1829, on what is now known as Kalamazoo avenue, near West street. The early history of Kalamazoo really dates from the advent of this pioneer, but previous to the year 1829, this region was known merely as a French-Indian trading post, as were the other towns east and west of us.

The region at this time was inhabited by the Pottawatomies with their principal village hereabouts hidden in Portage, situated away from the trails, yet in close proximity to their beloved Ke-Kenamazoo waters.

The next settler (who was accompanied by his family) was William Harris, who arrived in the spring of 1830, and was visited later by various members of his family from Ypsilanti, who were at that time engaged in the making of brick.

Following Harris, came Nathan Harrison, William Mead and Elisha Hall, who, with Titus Bronson, surveyed and laid out the nucleus of what was afterwards called Bronson village.

From this time on the village saw many of the usual changes natural to the growth of any locality and nothing of importance transpired until 1832, when a town election was held at Titus Bronson's cabin, at which time there were elected a supervisor, four highway commissioners, three assessors, one collector, two constables, two overseers of the poor, two pound masters, seven overseers of highways, and five school commissioners.

In the year 1832, Dr. Abbott was appointed postmaster and the mail was carried weekly by Mr. Lucius Barnes, in a covered wagon, this being the first stage line.

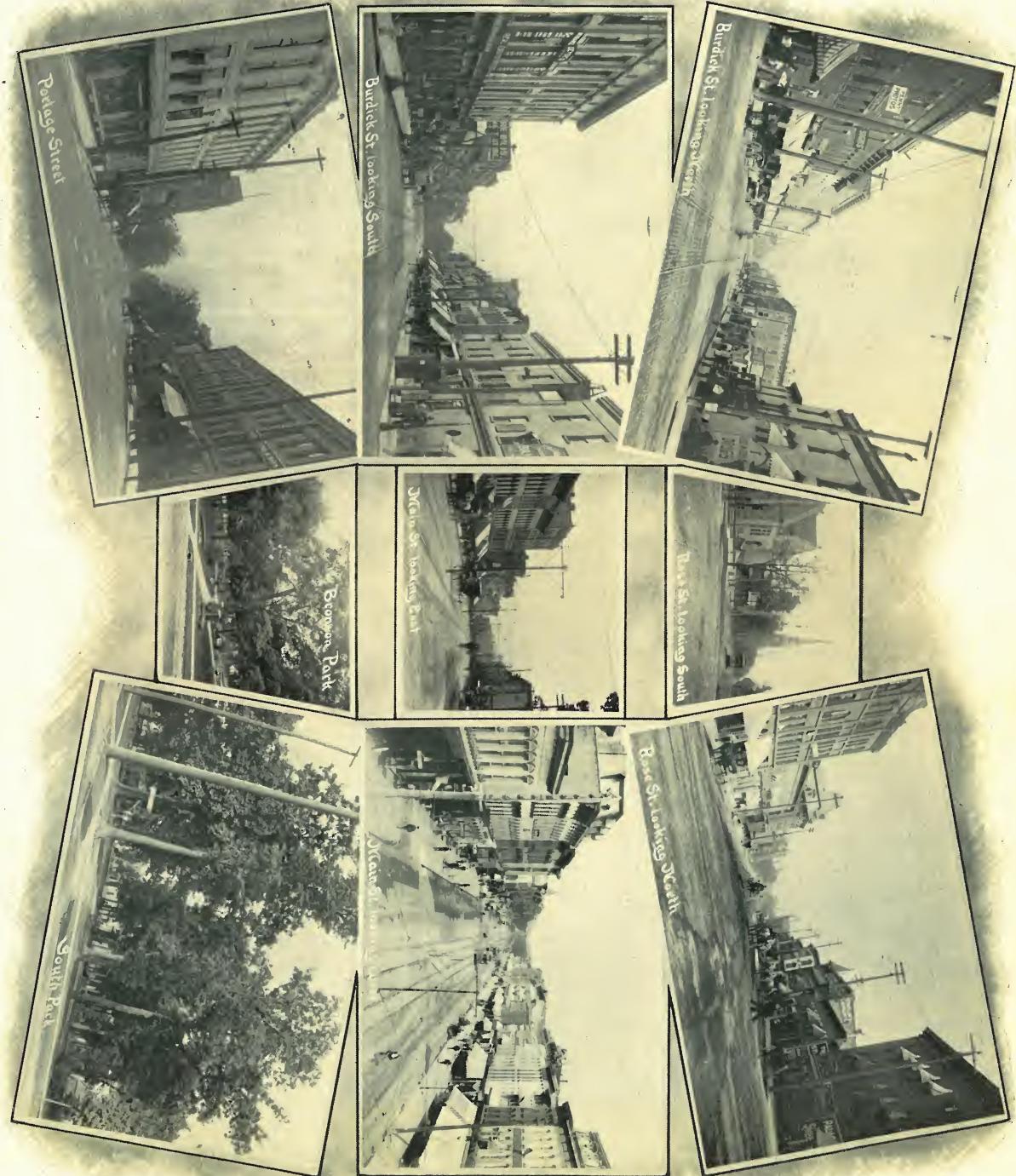
The first marriage to be performed here was contracted in 1833, between Ethan French and Matilda Hounson, and later, in February of the same year, James M. Parker and Tamar Walters and on February 17th, John Smith and Jemima Edginton, Squire Lovell performing the ceremony in each instance.

The first term of the Kalamazoo circuit court was held in the school house on South street, the grand jury holding their deliberations under the trees contiguous.

The "Bar" of Kalamazoo county, if not equal in all respects to that of the Queen's Bench, was, nevertheless, as wise in its own conceit and regarded as equal to any emergency by their numerous clients. The Hon. Charles F. Stuart occupied a prominent position as an attorney, sharing honors very closely with Elisha Belcher, who was also considered a formidable pleader at the bar.

Perhaps the leading event in the year 1835, was the establishment of the first newspaper here. In October, the Michigan Statesman, published at White Pigeon, was removed and its publication begun at this place by Messrs. Gilbert and Chandler, and from that day to the present time, Kalamazoo has not been wanting in an intelligent and faithful press to champion her cause, to defend and improve her interests and to advocate her claims. The name of the paper was afterwards changed, in the year 1836, to the Kalamazoo Gazette and, Mr. Chandler retiring, Mr. Henry Gilbert became sole proprietor. On March 20, 1898, the Gazette consolidated with the News and took the title of Gazette-News, and continues now, as always, to furnish the best news obtainable to its thousands of readers daily.

PRINCIPAL BUSINESS STREETS AND PARKS.



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## How We Grew

The early statistics gave Kalamazoo village in 1867 a population of 7,150 and the number of houses at 1,494.

The year 1902 will show a population based on authentic sources of 30,000 and nearly 6,000 homes.

Kalamazoo, which takes its euphonious name from the Indian, is one of the prettiest of Michigan's many attractive cities. Its natural advantages are such, that as a city of homes it takes precedence over any city of its size in the state, and with its beautiful streets shaded by magnificent foliage, and its lovely homes with expanse of sward, make of it an Utopian city.

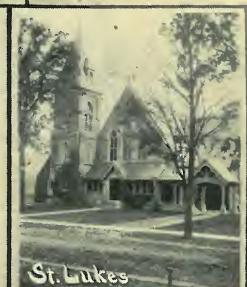
Kalamazoo disclaims the suggestion of being a boom town—she needs no brass band to proclaim her progress. The extraordinary growth of the past two years has not been attained by minstrel methods. Her own citizens have expended capital that demanded earnest toil to complete the idea of the investor. Skilled labor accordingly came to her doors and found a ready market. Homes were needed for the new arrivals, and more mechanics were required to build them. Thus the chain lengthened until all branches experienced a wholesome, substantial advance. There is no evidence of a cessation. On the contrary, never was the city so full of life and promise as at this time. Labor is in strong demand. There are no idle factories, empty stores, or vacant homes in the entire city and this in spite of the unparalleled building operations that have been and are now going on.

Large cities strike the imagination by their vastness, but the people know not the luxury of the quietude and embellishments which make the ideal homes, easy of access to the business center, and away from the noise and bustle common to metropolitan cities.

All cities are judged by many standards, and Kalamazoo is no exception to the rule. From the standpoint of beauty it has all the features of the prosperous, well groomed and healthy locality. From a commercial standpoint it also takes precedence over any city of like population in the state. As proof of this statement we point to the many and varied manufacturing, jobbing, retail and professional activities of the city, as well as to the vast number of homes owned by their occupants, and to the fact that there are no idle men in any branch of business. This in itself, is evidence of the prosperity of this community.

Kalamazoo is fortunately situated in regard to pleasure resorts. Within a radius of a few miles there are numerous lakes which are well patronized by those looking for recreation, and accessible by trolley lines. The largest and probably the most favored, is Gull lake, situated about 12 miles northeast of the city, and numerous citizens of Kalamazoo make this their home during the hot summer months. Long lake, situated about eight miles south, and Lake View, situated about two miles to the southwest just outside the city limits, are two other well favored resorts.

There is much to be said and written of Kalamazoo's many attractive features which will be given in this publication under various captions. Suffice to say that much attention has been given to furnish as complete a description of Kalamazoo's many attractions, and to her many commercial and industrial advantages as facts and space will warrant.



## PROMINENT CHURCHES

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# Our Manufacturing

Kalamazoo, with a population of 30,000, boasts of more and diversified manufacturing industries than any other town of like population in the country. The natural advantages combined with excellent transportation facilities, make it an ideal manufacturing center.

In determining a suitable location for a manufacturing site, there are four prime and essential features to be considered, viz: Location, transportation, financial and educational.

The first, that a suitable point may be had, easy of access to the outside world; the second, that suitable facilities may be had in which to move the produce at minimum expense, and the third constitutes a very important feature, inasmuch as the bank clearings influence to a great extent the credit of all commercial centers, and create a closer communication and better results with their correspondents.

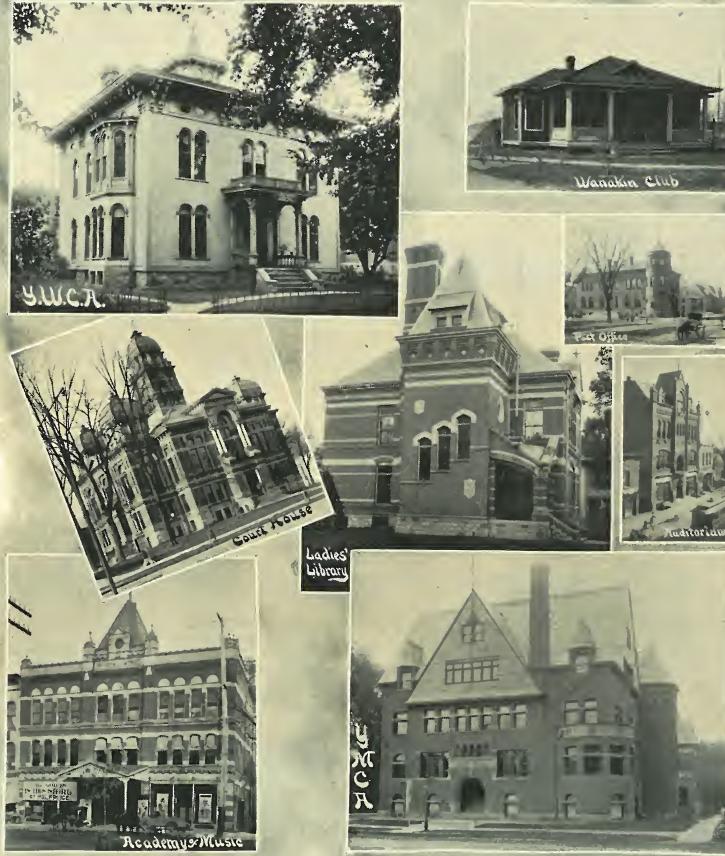
The fourth is a question of great importance to the men whose families are about to locate and to receive their education to a large degree locally.

In these respects, Kalamazoo is "there with the goods." The location is central, with four railroads reaching to all points of the compass, banks whose standing and clearances are the envy of the state, and its exceptional educational institutions, making Kalamazoo all that can be desired.

A glance at the following list of the various manufacturing industries and adjuncts, will give a fair conception of busy Kalamazoo:

Casket manufacturers	1	Furniture manufacturers	2
Celery growers and shippers	218	Newspapers and periodicals	8
Cigar factories	17	Novelty manufacturers	7
Manufacturing chemists	5	Agricultural works	3
Clothing manufacturers	6	Special machinery	3
Colleges	3	Stove factory	1
Corset manufacturers	2	Paint manufacturers	2
Dress stay manufacturers	1	Beet sugar manufacturers	1
Corset waist manufacturers	1	Boat builders	2
Hook and eye manufacturers	1	Boilermakers	4
Brewery	1	Book binderies	4
Harness factory	1	Paper mills	6
Banks, National	4	Box manufacturers	4
Banks, Savings and private	4	Brass foundries	1
Bank fixtures	2	Brick manufacturers	1
Dynamo and motor manufacturers	2	Broom manufacturers	1
Grain elevators	2	Candy manufacturers	4
Engine manufacturers	3	Playing card manufacturers	1
Express companies	3	Rug manufacturers	1
Fanning mill manufacturers	2	Carriage and wagon manufacturers	8
Flour and feed	2	Planing mills	5
Foundries and machinists	6	Miscellaneous	25

And there is room for more, with untold advantages from any standpoint.



## PUBLIC BUILDINGS

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### The Public Library

As an important element in giving to the city its old world aroma of culture, its public library is entitled to important consideration. Books, if well chosen, are the best and most considerate of companions, and the records of the library indicate that in Kalamazoo the creations of master minds go alike into mansion and cottage. The present magnificent structure was the gift to the city by Dr. E. H. Van Deusen and wife.

## The Field of Finance

The numerous banking and financial institutions of the city have always deservedly commanded the confidence of the community. No breath of suspicion or portent of panic has ever dimmed their credit.

Kalamazoo has her quota of fine financial institutions, directed by men who have made a success in life, as shrewd, practical business men.

The reputation of a commercial city is influenced to a great extent in its bank clearances and their connections with the outside world through their correspondents and exchanges. The fact that Kalamazoo has eight banks, four of which are national, three savings and one private, together with three building and loan associations, gives proof of the reputation this city sustains as a financial center.

In the report of bank clearances just issued, it gives the following increase for the first six months of 1902, ending June 26th, the monthly clearings being as follows :

January	\$2,394,683
February	1,731,729
March	1,939,328
April	2,129,157
May	2,270,730
June	1,892,222
Total	\$12,357,849

For the corresponding six months of 1901 the clearings were as follows :

January	\$2,437,727
February	1,370,755
March	1,563,216
April	1,649,668
May	1,792,244
June	1,776,958
Total	\$10,590,568

This shows a net increase for the first six months of 1902 of \$1,767,281, or 16.7 per cent. This is indeed a splendid record for Kalamazoo and one of which the city may be proud.

Bank clearings are surely a trade barometer and the figures given here show that Kalamazoo is enjoying fair weather from a business standpoint, and shows healthy trade conditions with a well deserved command of confidence of the community.

The amount of capital stock invested in the four national and two savings banks amounts to a total of \$500,000, divided as follows :

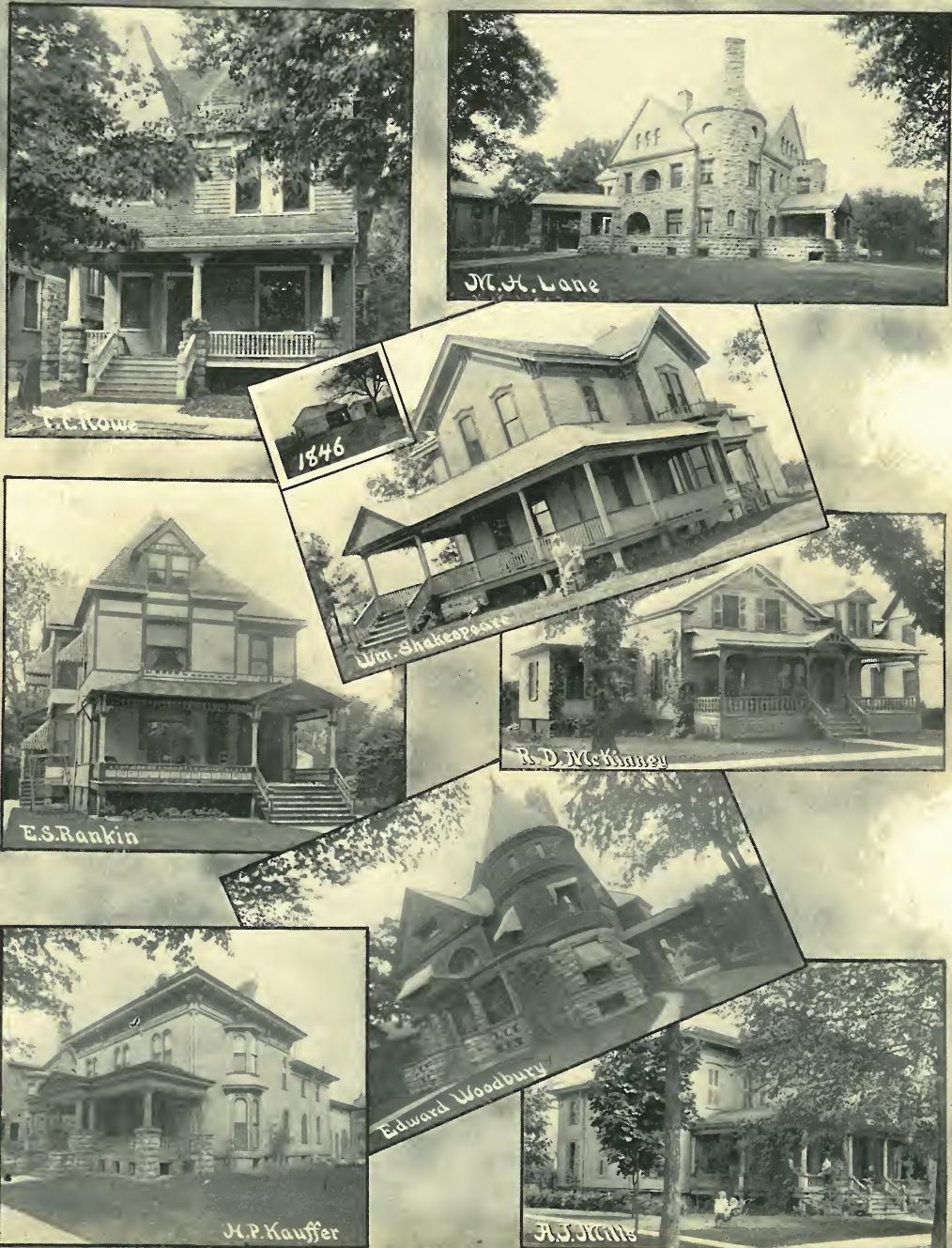
First National	\$100,000	City National	\$100,000
Kalamazoo National	150,000	Home Savings	50,000
Michigan National	100,000	Kalamazoo Savings	50,000

Total surplus and undivided profits, \$446,000, distributed as follows :

First National	\$ 84,000	City National	\$ 90,000
Kalamazoo National	50,000	Home Savings	42,000
Michigan National	100,000	Kalamazoo Savings	50,000

(With stockholders' liability of Kalamazoo Savings, \$50,000).

These figures show the excellent standing and success of these banks, and tell their own story.



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## Personnel of Kalamazoo

The personnel of Kalamazoo consists of the following features:

A city government consisting of a Mayor, ten Aldermen, Standing Committees of Finance; Fire and Water; Streets and Bridges; Public Grounds; Sewers; Health; Police; License; Printing; City Lighting; City Poor; Street Railway; Claims; Ordinance; Purchase of Supplies; Building.

The City Officers comprise a Judge of the Recorder's Court; City Assessor; City Clerk; City Treasurer; Water Commissioner; Chief of Police; City Engineer; Health Officer; City Physician; Street Commissioner; Chief of Fire Department; Superintendent and Chief of Water Works and sixty-four public and semi-public officials.

Eleven Public Schools; Nine Miscellaneous Schools; Four Cemeteries, Four Parks.

Five Baptist Churches; one Christian; two Congregational; one Episcopal; two Hebrew; three Holland Christian Reformed; one Lutheran; five Methodist Episcopal; two Presbyterian; four Reformed; two Roman Catholic; one Unitarian and six miscellaneous denominations.

Eight Asylums and Homes; four Libraries; four Railroads; thirty-five Secret Societies; thirty-five Miscellaneous Societies; fifty-seven Public Halls, Buildings and Blocks; eight Newspapers and Periodicals.

One Military Company, Co. C, 2nd Reg., M. N. G., Armory 320-322 North Burdick St.

Eighty-one incorporated companies; eight Banks; Three Building and Loan Associations and seven Bands and Orchestras.

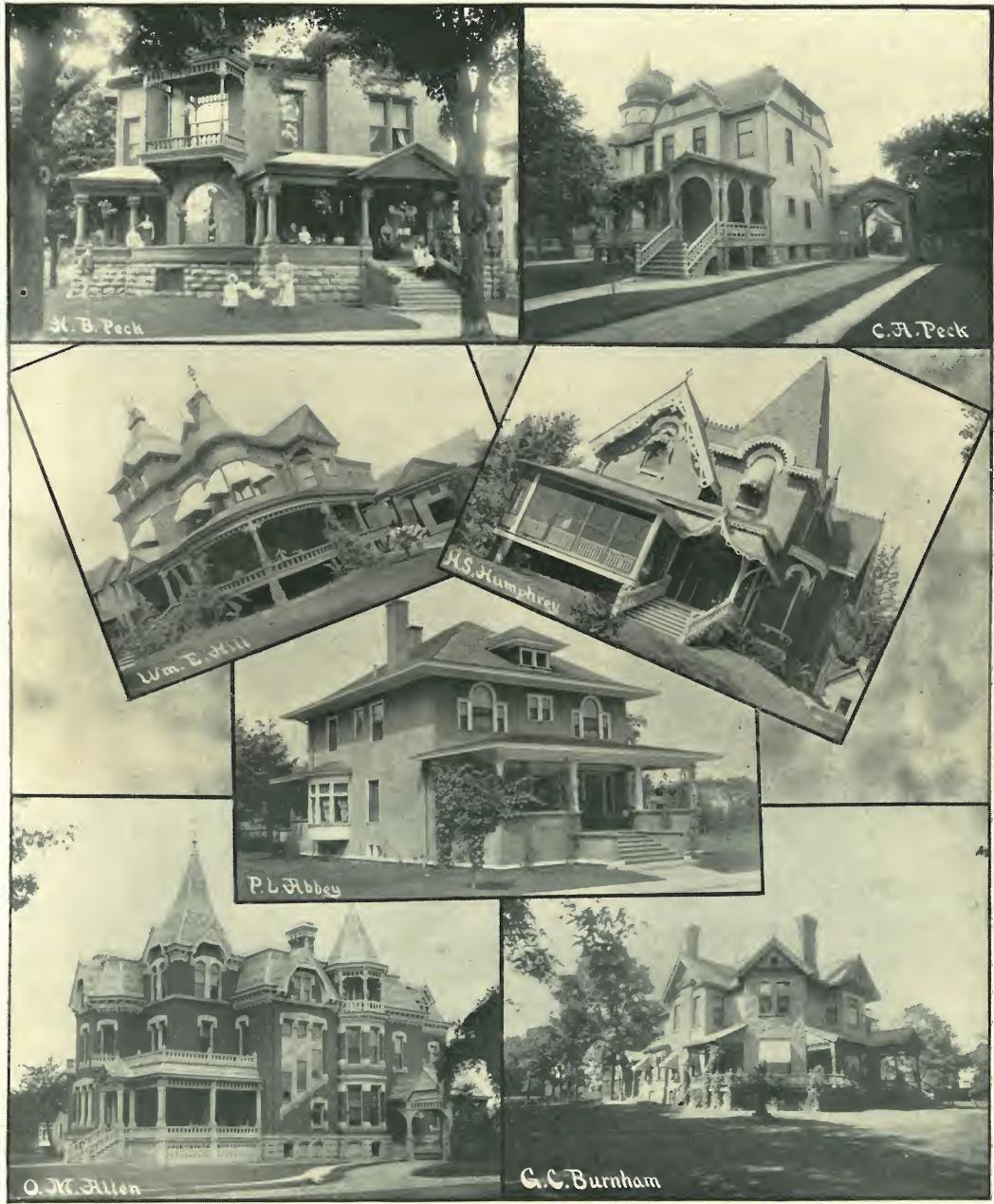
## Retail Kalamazoo

The first thing that strikes the eye of the visitor to Kalamazoo, is the clean, wholesome appearance of her stores, a good criterion of what can be found on the inside.

The main retail business of the city is centered, and covers a large area. Main street, east and west; Burdick street, north and south; Portage street, and north and south Rose streets represent the bulk of the retail activity of the city, although the suburbs contain a considerable business.

To the stranger entering the city on a Wednesday or Saturday it appears like a swarm of busy bees. The shopping districts are crowded with eager buyers from the surrounding townships as well as the regular city buyers and give to the streets a metropolitan and cosmopolitan appearance.

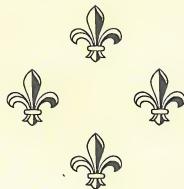
Well lighted and broad, the streets make a fine appearance at such times, unusual in a city of this size and population and which is something of which Kalamazoo is proud.



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## What Kalamazoo Wants

In every work of this character, every city write up, every boom edition, you will find a chapter or article describing the city's needs. It is different here. Kalamazoo asks not the earthly praise or prayer of any one. She has lots of bridges, railroads, paved streets, city lights, water, sewers, electric power and gas. She is handsomely lodged, well fed and neatly dressed. There is absolutely nothing that she needs to insure her happiness or permanence. And yet, as in every prosperous household, the aroma of hospitality is abroad. She welcomes all good and honorable citizens. The visiting manufacturer finds greeting and co-operation ; the statesman, the merchant and the commercial tourist are alike cordially received ; even the wandering "Willie Waggles" may stay out of jail as long as he behaves himself. In fact, Kalamazoo welcomes the universe. She may not need you but she can at least find time to take off her working apron and assure you that she is glad you are here.

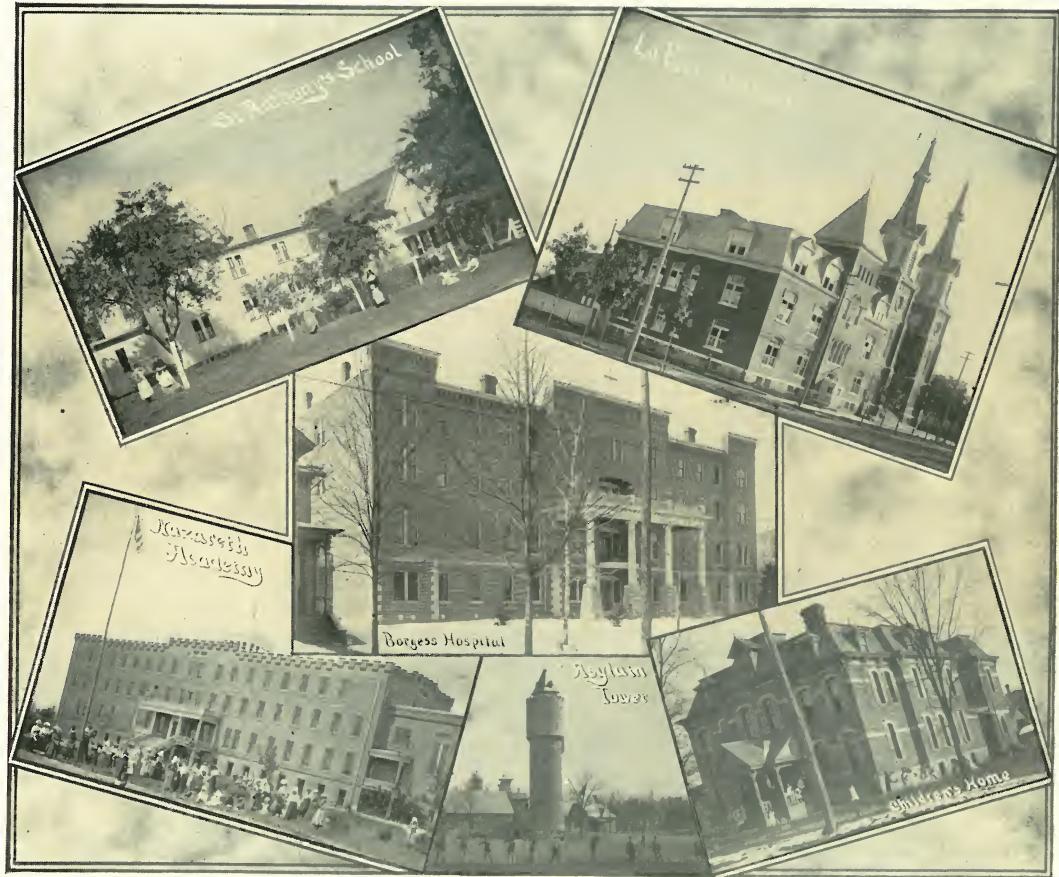


## Education in Kalamazoo

In all ages of the past from the time the morning stars sang together down to the present time has there been such an unrivalled opportunity afforded the young idea to shoot in the city of Kalamazoo as at present. Nothing lies between it and the zenith sun. Our excellent public schools are worthy preparatory institutions, fitting our girls and boys to take their places in the world of battle. The municipality supports ten large public schools and two annexes in which all common branches are taught by competent instructors. The management of the public schools rests in a board of education. Among the higher institutions of learning in our city that have given to the world many bright ornaments in the way of cultured men and women, should be mentioned Kalamazoo College, Seminary and Nazareth Academy.

## The Water Works

The water supply of Kalamazoo is a source of special pride to the citizens and of profit to the municipality. The water is pure and sparkling as that which flows from a mountain spring.



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## A Railroad City

The tie that binds—the railroad tie, is one that bisects Kalamazoo at frequent intervals and easily connects her with all the thoroughfares of steel that cover the face of the continent as a net. The city lies on four great systems of railroads, and is one of the greatest points for travel and shipment in southwestern Michigan. Fifty passenger trains arrive and depart daily, bearing their thousands of travelers to all parts of the land. The city is but four hours riding distance from either Chicago or Detroit, and there are a score of luxurious trains running daily between these points. The aggregate of freight handled at Kalamazoo by all roads is enormous and is not exceeded by any other cities in the entire state outside of Detroit and Grand Rapids, and thus proves her prowess as a city of commerce and industry.



## Diversified Industries

Our fair city of Kalamazoo may justly boast of her diversified industries, and hence no depression in trades can shake her from her foundations. Any of her industries might close its doors, and still the city could go ahead with progressive strides, and the whistles of her numerous other industrial enterprises sound with the same clearness as before. Wood, iron, steel, leather, wool, paper, and every other serviceable material pours into the city day by day to contribute to the mighty aggregate of finished goods that go forth to every land on the habitable globe.



## Our Hospitals

Kalamazoo is particularly fortunate in having two hospitals, and no institutions in the city cover a wider range of usefulness ; none does so much to alleviate human suffering ; nor so much real, necessary and unostentatious good, as the local hospital. Borgess Hospital is under the control of the Sisters of St. Joseph. It is a magnificent modern structure and is equipped with all modern conveniences, and especially true is this of the operating room, which contains all the new and most up-to-date appliances known to advanced surgery and the citizens may well feel proud of this splendid institution.

Kalamazoo Hospital is under the control of a board of management and plans are being promulgated to build a large and more commodious edifice.

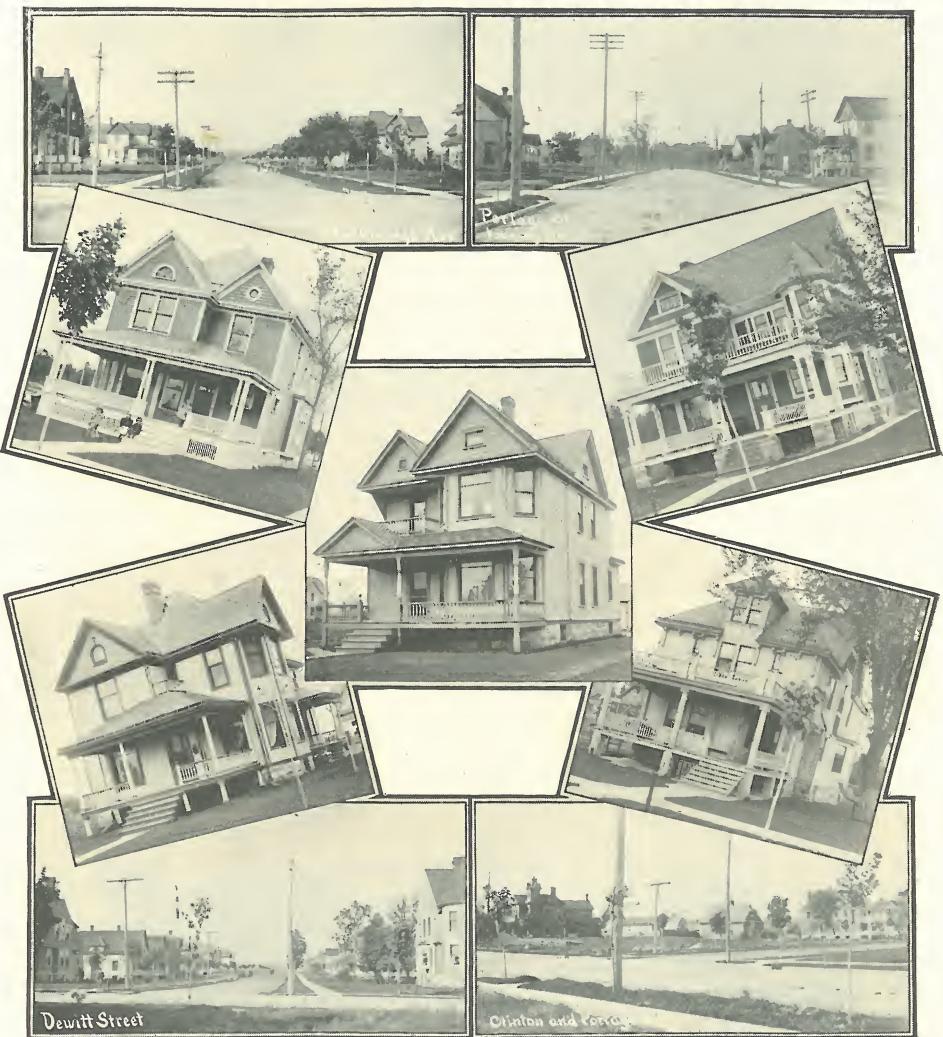


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## Social Pleasures and Society

Probably many of our friends in the effete east feel somewhat surprised at the many social advantages that may be enjoyed throughout this section of the country, but nowhere are these social features in any way superior to those at Kalamazoo. While the busy hum of machinery is heard on every side of the "Gem of Michigan," yet human desire for friendly comminglings is as apparent here as in the most fashionable of eastern cities, and amid the noise and bustle of a booming city the efforts to drive away dull care for a short season are as assiduously pursued as the most fastidious might desire.



## A City of Fine Dwellings

No person can visit Kalamazoo without being impressed with the beauty and comfort of her homes. Kalamazoo people are "here to stay" as the expression goes, and they build themselves homes where it is a pleasure to reside, not simply to stay for a season. One feature which is especially noteworthy and which strikes visitors from other factory cities as peculiarly strange, is that the people generally, in fact, universally, own their own homes. Thousands of pretty homes, every one of which is the castle of some man, well kept and surrounded by a hundred evidences of the care which a man devotes to his own, tell a story of prosperity and happiness more eloquent than words can paint.



## Thousands of Worshippers

Kalamazoo is a city of churches. There are twenty-nine religious organizations. All the religious denominations are in a prosperous condition and combine a total membership exceeding 7,500 persons. The churches are divided as follows: Baptist four, Christian one, Congregational two, Episcopal one, Hebrew two, Holland Christian Reformed three, Lutheran one, Methodist Episcopal five, Presbyterian two, Reformed four, Catholic one, Unitarian one, Church of Christ, Scientist, one, Church of Christ, Truth, one. The Young Men's Christian Association has a stalwart organization.



## Kalamazoo's Future

It needs no pen of seer or prophet to cast the horoscope of the Celery City. When a man stands at the threshold of maturity, and is sober, honest, healthy, industrious, careful and rich, it needs no necromancer's art to say what he will be ten or twenty years hence. The world would be grievously disappointed did he not prove healthier, wealthier and wiser. So with Kalamazoo. A city standing in so promising a position as she fills today cannot well help making a lofty record among the municipalities of the United States, as the years develop. Millions of dollars are invested within her limits every year. All ventures are legitimate. There is no bubble to burst; no boom to prick; no mushroom to grow and shrivel. Her own citizens have unbounded faith in her future.



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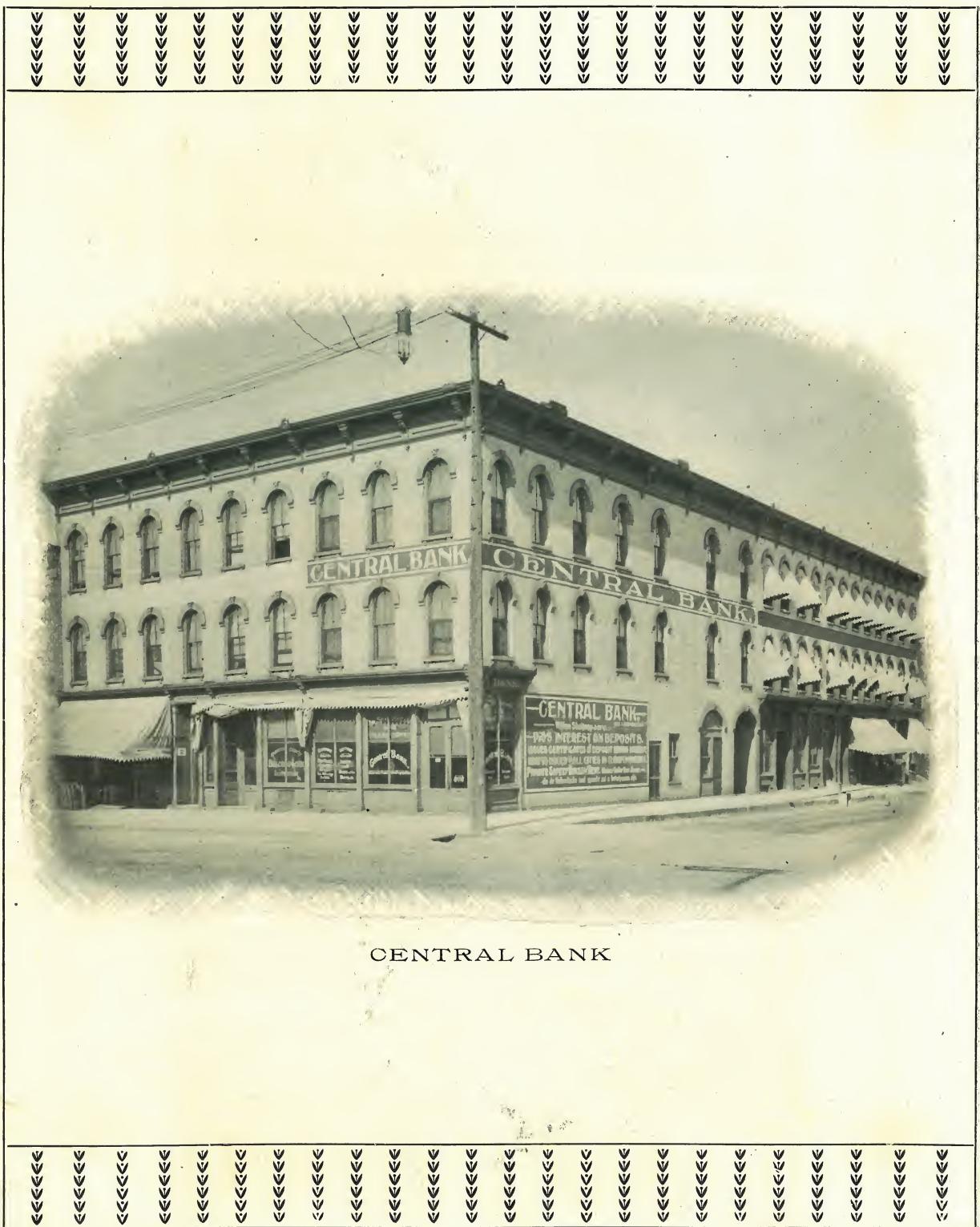
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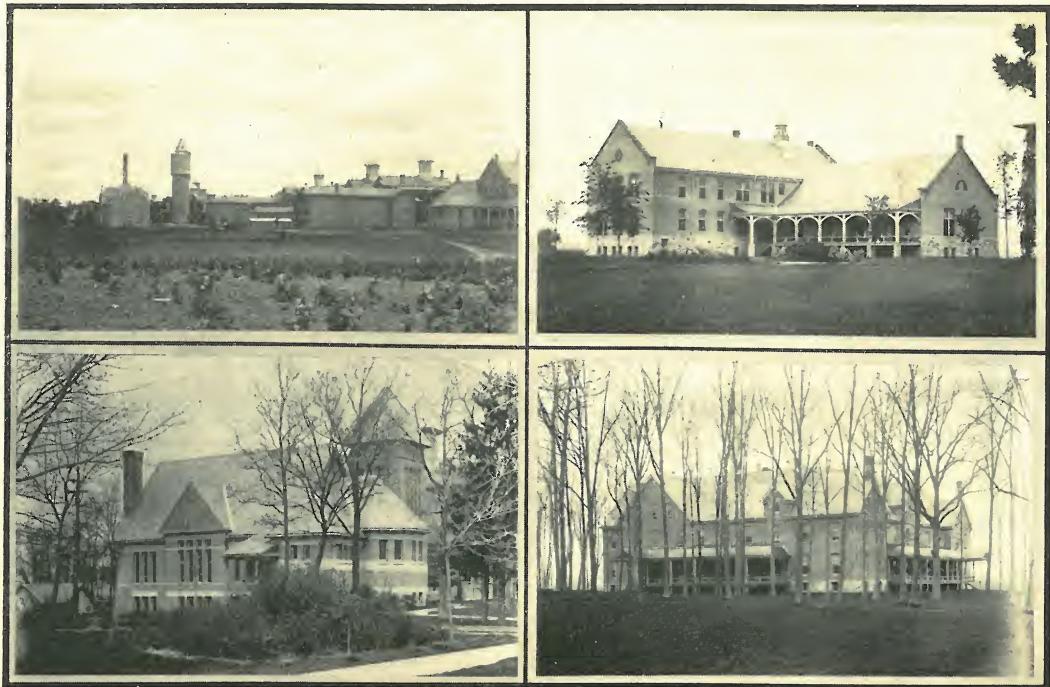
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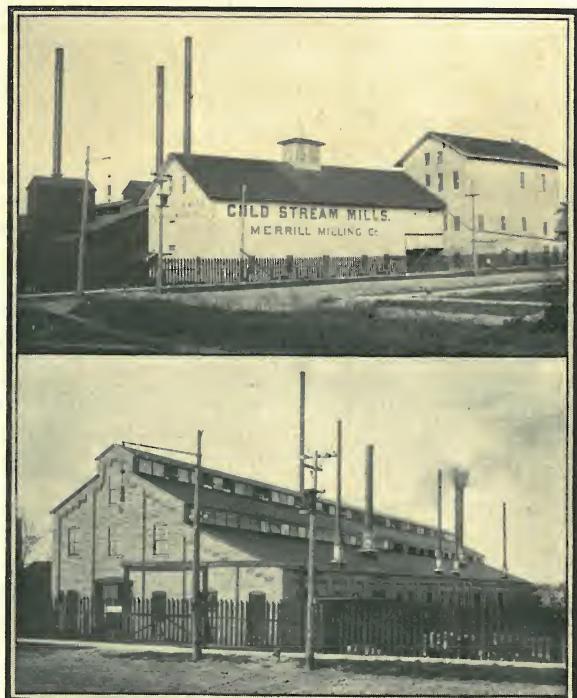
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## The Bryant Paper Company

**T**HIS is the pioneer of the south group of mills, and is the largest in the city. It was promoted in 1895 by Mr. Noah Bryant, and organized September 25th of that year.

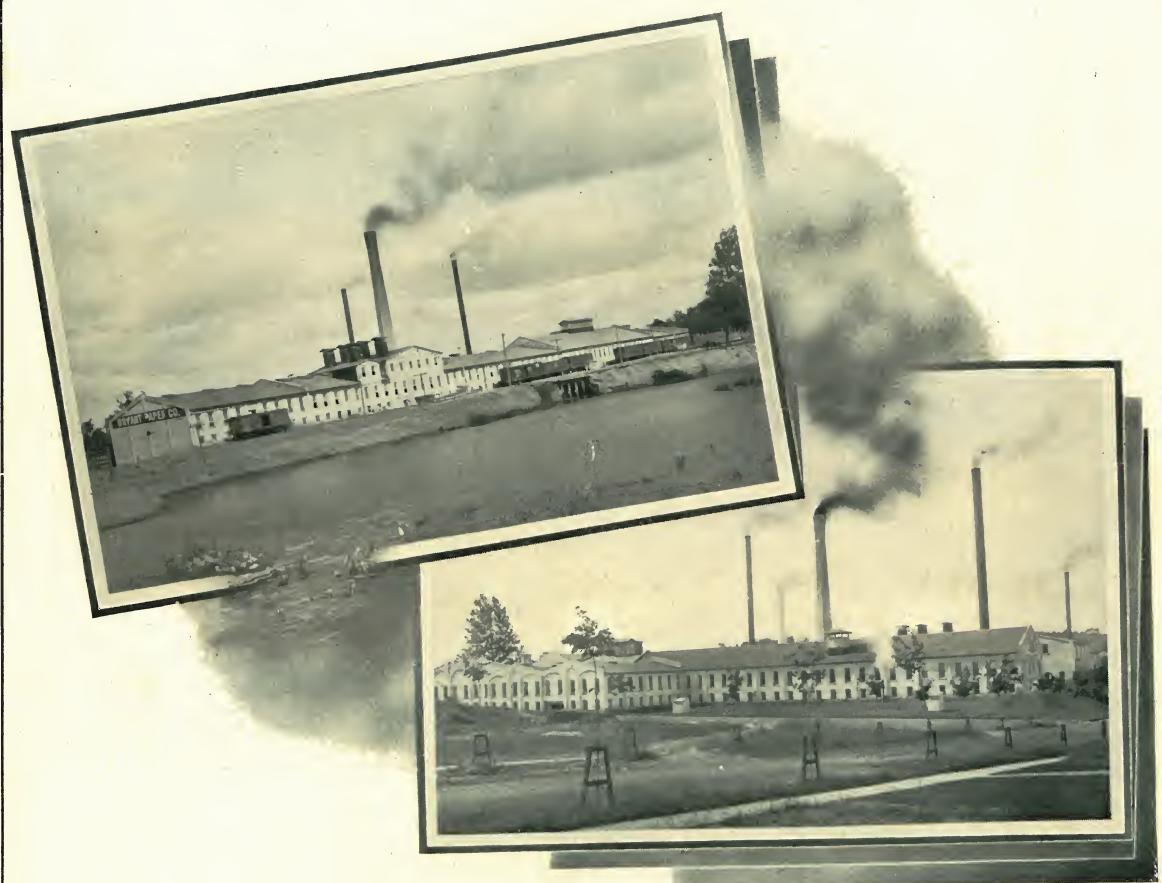
The mill, since its inception, has constantly added more machinery and equipments and is today, one of the best, in point of equipment and amount of business done, in the country.

The mill derives its water from flowing wells, which gives it the purest water for the paper making process.

The mill is under the management of Mr. Frank H. Milham, who has made a marked success in this direction, and to him is due to a great extent, the continued increase and prosperity of the business. The plant is located on a side track of the Lake Shore railroad, and all ingoing and outgoing products are shipped and received direct from the mill.

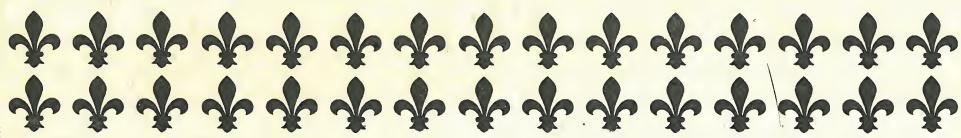
The plant covers an area of 500 square feet, and the capacity is 250 tons weekly.

The products are: High Grade Book, Envelope, Map, Lithograph, Plate, Drawing, Bond and Writing papers.

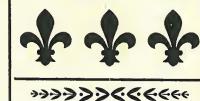


BRYANT PAPER COMPANY'S MILLS

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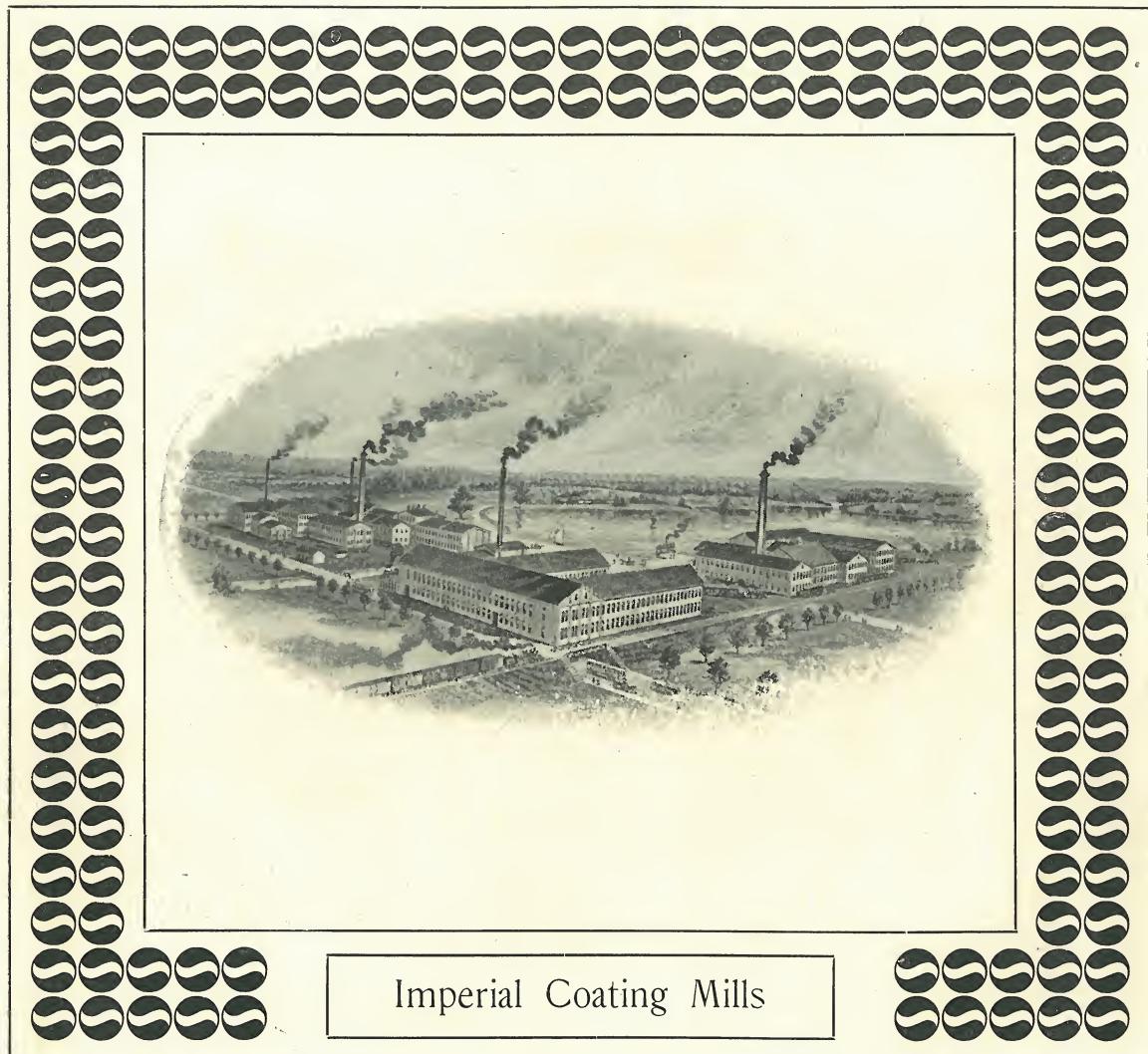


The Superior Paper Company



The Superior Paper Company comprises one of the three mills located south of the city, was organized in January, 1901, and is composed of local capitalists. This mill makes medium finished and super calendered book paper, lithograph paper, folios and special catalogue paper, with a capacity of 300,000 pounds weekly.

The area of the plant is 560 feet square with a floor space of 64,880 square feet. The mill is under the management of Mr. W. S. Hodges, who is president of the company, and who has spent 19 years in the paper making business. This mill, in addition to the Bryant mills, and the Imperial Coating mills, constitutes one of the leading industries of Kalamazoo, and has much to do with the advancement in growth of the city and its industrial activity, and swells the personnel of the city's many manufacturing industries.



The Imperial Coating Mills is one of the most valuable acquisitions to the paper industries of Kalamazoo, as it broadens the variety of uses for the output of the city's paper mills to a great degree.

The company was incorporated in February, 1901, and the first paper was produced the following December. The capacity of the mills is 60,000 pounds daily, and covers three acres of ground and 100,000 square feet of floor space. The management is under Mr. William Schumacher, who has had 30 years experience and knows the paper business in all its branches.

The mills are located south of the city, on the Lake Shore siding from whence is received and shipped all products of the plant. There are employed at these mills 125 hands. The products are surface coated papers, manilla, cardboards of every description, and the finest lithograph papers is their specialty.



Henderson-Ames Company



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MONG the many manufacturing institutions in the city of Kalamazoo which are counted as of the greatest benefit to the city in a commercial way, none is more important than the Henderson-Ames Co. Giving employment to over 400 people, fully one-half of whom are skilled artisans in their particular line, they not only have an immense output in quantity, but the products of the company are noted the world over for their superior quality ; having reached the highest degree of perfection in every branch of their varied productions.

Their business, it may be interesting to many to know, consists in supplying everything which the hundreds of secret societies in this and other countries require, and there are over 100,000 of these organizations, with a membership of many millions.

The Company are extensive manufacturers of uniforms for all secret society organized bodies, military organizations, bands and liveries of all kinds. The manufacture of swords, jewels and equipments is no small part of their extensive business and in this branch the services of the most skilled workmen are required and the results are the finest grade of articles procured anywhere. They have the largest and most complete gold and silver plating plant in the States. In the art painting department the highest degree of perfection is attained in painting banners and scenes which illustrate lodge work. We might fill pages describing the various departments, but it is sufficient to state that this factory with three acres of floor space is one of the largest in the country and a credit to the city.





## Globe Casket Manufacturing Company



**T**HIS institution is one of the largest, if not *the* largest manufacturer of its line of products in the United States.

It was established in 1870, and incorporated in 1887, and constitutes the oldest house in this particular line in the country.

The products are Caskets and Funeral Supplies, with a long established reputation of being the best on the market.

The company employs 100 hands with eight traveling representatives, and occupies a large five story brick structure, having a floor space of 59,500 square feet, with a boiler and engine room 45 x 55 feet. In addition there is a lumber yard adjoining, facing Kalamazoo avenue.

The buildings were erected in 1900, and constructed especially for its particular business, and contains all the latest improved machinery for this line of manufactures.

The shipping facilities are unsurpassed, being situated midway between all freight depots in the city and having their own side tracks.

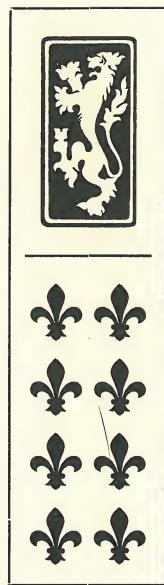
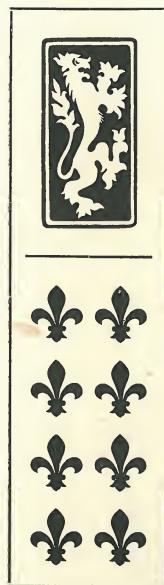
The officers are: R. D. McKinney, president and general manager; H. B. Peck, vice president; C. A. Peck, treasurer; G. H. Henshaw, secretary.

The officers, together with E. Woodbury, Geo. E. Bardeen, and G. L. Gilkey, constitute the board of directors, and comprise all of the stockholders of the company.





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## Lilies Cigar Company

This concern, in point of value to the commercial standing of Kalamazoo, represents one of the most valuable industries in the city. The pay roll being in excess of \$2,500 per week on the average during the past 17 months, and employing 257 Union workmen, who represent the highest type of selected American skilled labor, and in all the years of its existence the company has never had a disagreement with its employes as to wages or conditions. This company was organized in 1870, by David and William P. Lilienfield, Julius Goldberg as manager and superintendent, and it has been run continuously since that time in Kalamazoo.

In 1887, the company was reorganized with Mr. Julius Goldberg as partner, and was again reorganized in 1890.

The business has always enjoyed a prosperous, but not phenomenal growth, until the introduction of the now world famous La Azora brand, a standard known throughout the States and which stands pre-eminent and alone in its class, in so far as there has never been any money spent in advertising this brand, but has always sold strictly on its merit, and attained its just popularity through quality alone.

They also manufacture the El Suelo cigar at their Chicago branch.

Their main office and distributing point is at 70-81-83 Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, with an eastern branch at New York City, 116 Nassau St.

They sell only strictly jobbing trade.

The Management at Kalamazoo, which is the factory location, is in the hands of Mr. Isaac Goldberg, who is a cigar man from A to Z.

The sole outside representative for the firm is Mr. Samuel T. Goldberg, and Mr. T. Zeedyke is the superintendent of the factory.



## The P. L. Abbey Company

This is one of Kalamazoo's leading manufacturing industries.

The business was, originally, the manufacturing of a celery preparation in a small way, and was established in 1888.

In 1896, their present pretentious structure was erected, covering an area of 11,000 square feet, and opened up a general business as manufacturing chemists.

The company makes a line of Elixers, Syrups, Medicinal Wines, and Job Pills and Tablets, comprising a complete line of these products, and makes a specialty of celery preparations and Kaskola, the latter being the leader with the company and is much advertised as being an excellent remedy for dyspepsia and other stomach ailments, and is known far and wide as the name of Kalamazoo itself.

Mr. P. L. Abbey, the senior member of the firm, is connected very closely with all the leading movements tending to the advancement of local enterprises and of a public and semi-public nature, and is always on the qui-vive for anything that might have a tendency toward the improvement of the city's interests and advancement.



## Kalamazoo Gas Company

The Kalamazoo Gas Company was established in 1887 and the present company was incorporated December, 1899. The officers are: H. D. Walbridge, president; Jno. J. Knight, vice-president; Edward Woodbury, secretary; F. W. Blowers, general manager, and the majority of the stockholders are local men.

This company supplies gas through 34 miles of mains to approximately 3,000 consumers, and is rapidly extending its mains to reach all parts of the city, and renewing its principal lines with pipes of large size, to provide for all possible future requirements and to obviate the necessity of tearing up newly paved streets in the future. This work of extension and improvement gives employment to a large force of men.

The office is located at 147 South Burdick street, where an efficient and obliging staff of clerks are always ready to attend to patrons. The company sells gas ranges and stoves, of which they carry a complete line of the latest and best patterns. They also sell gas engines and other apparatus for the use of gas for industrial purposes. Also carry a very handsome and complete line of Welsbach and other incandescent gaslights and appliances, gas fixtures, reading lamps and glassware—having a dark room very artistically arranged to show such goods.

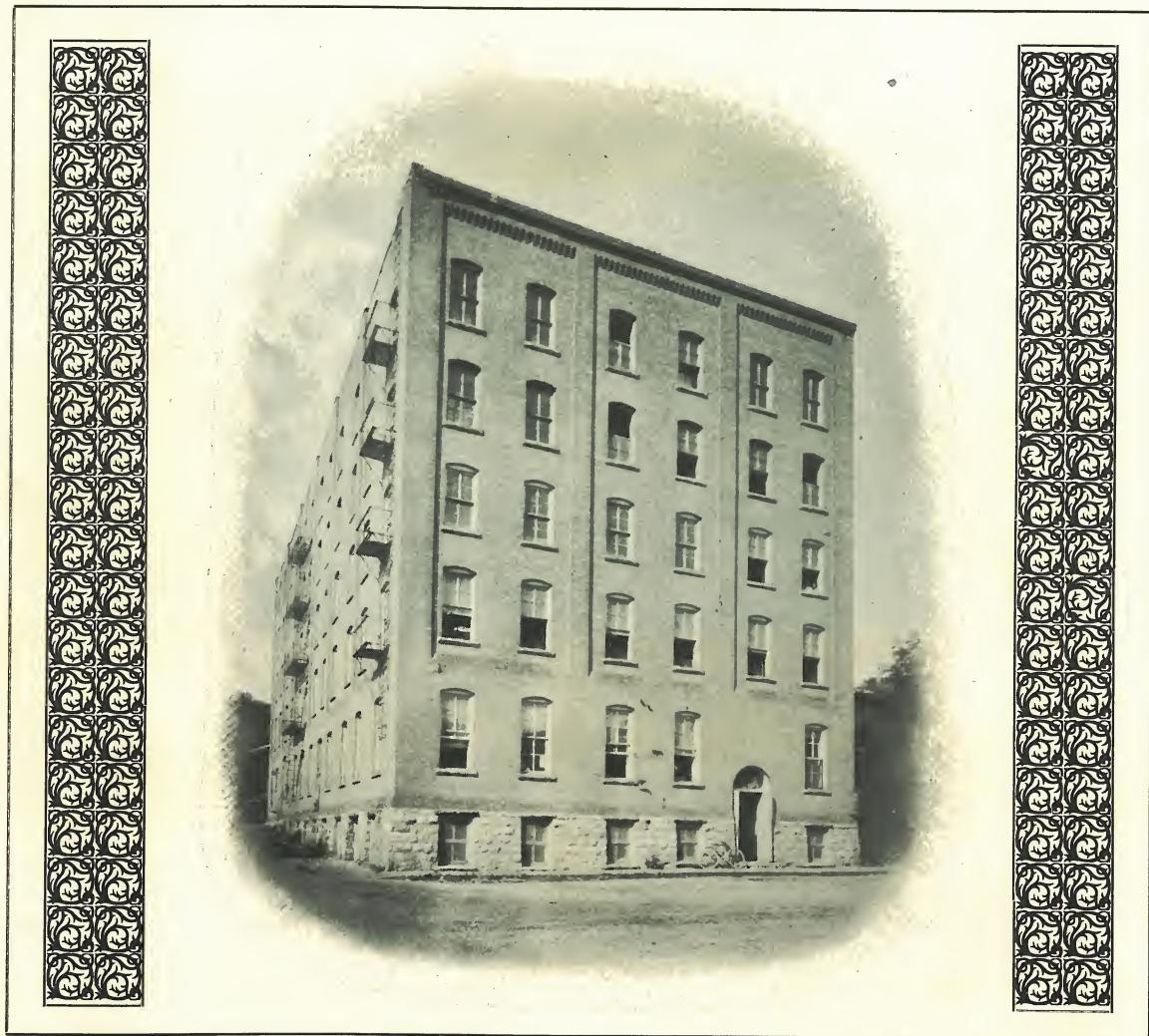
The company maintains a gas fitting shop and a competent force of gas fitters, and is equipped with every facility for piping and installing gas lights and appliances of every description.

The gas manufacturing plant is located on Spring street, between Portage and Pitcher streets, covering a large area of ground. The apparatus for the manufacture of gas is all of the newest and most modern construction and is constantly being added to. The grounds are well kept, with lawns and flower beds, which add greatly to the appearance of that section of the city. The plant is conceded to be the most complete in its appointments of any in the country of similar size. The company manufactures the very best quality of not less than 18 candle power coal gas that it is possible to make, using many thousand tons of the best gas coal annually to produce it. The gas is of exceptional heating value, containing approximately 693 British Thermal units per cubic foot.

The company has a water gas making machine of the most approved pattern, which is held in readiness for use as a reserve in case of accident or break down.

The company has also a large trade in the genuine gas coke, which is the cleanest and best solid fuel known. It is the most economical and satisfactory fuel for furnace, stove, range or grate, as many of our citizens who have used it for years can testify, and is also largely used for industrial purposes.

The company is very progressive and extremely liberal, laying services and connecting ranges free of cost, and every endeavor is made to give prompt service and to satisfy its patrons.



## American Playing Card Company.

**T**HE AMERICAN PLAYING CARD COMPANY constitutes one of the largest of Kalamazoo's manufacturing plants, covering an area of 57 x 120 feet, five floors and basement, or, a total of 41,040 square feet, and employs 150 people. This company was established and incorporated in 1890, and manufactures several brands of the leading playing cards in use throughout the country, the leaders being: Golf Cards, Rovers, Sporting Man's and Senators. This company is not a member of the trust, but operates strictly independent from any combination whatsoever, and the products are sent to all parts of the world.

All the latest and improved machinery for the perfect production of these goods is in operation at this plant, with a capacity of 100 gross per day.

The Eastern office is in New York City, and the Western office at San Francisco, Cal.

Officers: I. A. Ransom, president; H. B. Hoyt, vice president; W. H. Longley, secretary; F. M. Hodge, treasurer.

Directors: I. A. Ransom, H. B. Hoyt, W. H. Longley, F. M. Hodge, D. Boudeman, A. Henry and E. Woodbury.



# Kalamazoo Stove Co.

MAKERS OF HIGH GRADE

Ranges, Cooking and Heating Stoves.



SOLD DIRECT FROM THE  
FACTORY TO THE USER

This company is the only one in the entire United States having a large Plant including Foundry, Mounting and Storage Warehouses for the entire manufacture of Ranges and Stoves, selling to the user exclusively. They do not sell to dealers, nor can their Ranges or Stoves be bought through them.



**Swindell Bros. Cold Storage Co., 425-429 N. Church St.**

The cold storage warehouse recently erected by the Swindell Bros. Cold Storage Co., is superior in many respects to any other warehouse in the country.

It was considered a wonderful thing a few years ago that a temperature of 40 degrees could be obtained in mid-summer, but this house will produce a temperature as low as 15 degrees. At this temperature butter and poultry is kept in a frozen condition and will keep for an indefinite time.

The Kalamazoo house is equipped throughout with Mr. Madison Cooper's apparatus for drying and purifying the air and this being a recent invention there are but few houses that can compare with this one. To fill this house it means that the goods must come from the surrounding country for quite a distance and this market must be made attractive to get the business so that to the neighboring towns, Kalamazoo is fast becoming known as the best market for butter, eggs and poultry.

The Swindell Bros. have a similar house at Plymouth, Ind., and a smaller house at Dowagiac, Mich. The capacity of their several houses if filled with eggs alone is about 1,000,000 dozen.

The officers of the Kalamazoo concern are, Joseph Swindell, of Plymouth, Ind., president; Thos. H. Rollins, of Dowagiac, Mich., vice president; Geo. W. Boyd, of Kalamazoo, secretary and superintendent, and Chas. H. Swindell of Kalamazoo, treasurer and general manager.



## Ford Manufacturing Co.

The specialties of this concern is the manufacture of "Buggy Bodies," Fanning Mills, and Novelties in wood, and was organized in 1892, by Remington & Ford, and was succeeded by C. B. Ford in August, 1896.

The plant was originally located at Water and Church streets and moved into the new plant in January, 1900, which occupies an acre of ground.

The business done in 1901, was \$36,000 and will be greatly exceeded the year 1902.



**A. L. Lakey Co.**

226-228 North Burdick street, are manufacturers of Paints, Oils and Varnishes, Roofing Felts, Cement, etc., and are wholesale producers of Brushes, Putty Knives, Paper Hangers' Knives, Artist Pallet Knives, etc.

This company was established in 1874, was incorporated in 1898, and leads in being manufacturers of the oldest continued brands of mixed paints on the market. Of six brands which were on the market in 1874, all have lost their identity but the "Kalamazoo Mastic," manufactured by this company.



## Kalamazoo Spring & Axle Co.,

Was established in 1870, and incorporated in 1884. This company manufactures at wholesale, Vehicle and Buggy Springs; also manufactures largely, Wagon Seat Springs and supplies some of the largest wagon manufacturers in the world with its products. This company has recently started a department for the manufacture of Wagon Bolster Springs, a line which is meeting with great favor, and is merited by the superior character of the production. In the foundry department the company makes grey iron castings and axle boxes for axle manufacturers.

The officers are: Jas. L. Houghteling, of Chicago, president; John G. Rumney, vice president, and Fred V. Wicks, secretary and treasurer.



himself with the C. C. Wormer Machinery Co., of Detroit, Michigan, and incorporated the Bremer Machine & Tool Co., as successors to the Godfrey J. Bremer Machine Co.

## Bremer Machine & Tool Co.

Builders of Power Punching and Shearing Machinery, Rolls, Forging Presses, Drop and Power Hammers, Milling Machines, Dies, etc.

THE above works are the outcome of a little machine repair and model shop started in the winter of 1873 by Godfrey J. Bremer in one of the small stores on North Burdick street. As the business proved to be a success from the start, a new shop had to be built on the rear of the store, which, with several additions, became too small for the business, and in 1895, Mr. Bremer erected the new plant in West Willard street, which is one of the most substantial buildings for the manufacture of heavy machinery in the city. The plant is equipped with modern machinery and special tools and more will be added as fast as they can be installed. Orders coming from all parts of the United States, and the many inquiries from the foreign countries are very gratifying. Last year Mr. Bremer associated

Are manufacturers of high grade appliances for scientifically treating diseases of the breathing organs. Vaporizers, Air Tanks and Pumps, Sterilizers, Cabinets, Vaporizing Fluids and a large line of Physicians' and Druggists' Supplies.

J. J. Knight, president; L. C. Lull, vice president; H. F. Colman, secretary and treasurer; Jno. J. Bush, general manager.

## The National Vaporizer Co.,





**A. and D. Sheet Metal Works, 216 North Rose Street.**

The A. and D. Sheet Metal Works, was established in May, 1898, and manufactures Cornices, Sky Lights, all kinds of Metal Roofing, Galvanized Iron Work, Hot Air Furnaces, Special Steel Ceilings, and Metal Skylights and all kinds of special metal work.

The business is owned by E. M. Alsbaugh and is a leader in this line of business in Kalamazoo.



### **City Union Brewery.**

The City Union Brewery is one of the oldest institutions in Kalamazoo, having been established here 24 years ago by Mr. Geo. Neumaier, but has been in operation under the control of Mr. Fred Neumaier since 1895.

This brewery makes its product solely for the local trade and towns contiguous. The capacity is 6,000 barrels a year and has an area of 7,500 square feet, and contains all the latest and modern apparatus for the making of beer.



**L. J. Everett**

manufactures Show Cases, Wall Cases, Counters, Tables, Office Furniture, Grilles, Manual Training School Fixtures, Soda Fountain Tops and Cabinet Work, and does turning, carving, sawing, etc. He is located at 302 North Burdick street. All equipment is thorough and modern, and only best results are attained. This business was established in 1893, and the plant has an area of 80 x 100 feet.



### **Puritan Corset Company**

Was established and incorporated in 1900, with W. L. Brownell, president and manager; C. H. Williams, Vice president and superintendent; A. H. Shelmire, secretary, and C. A. Peck, treasurer.

The company is engaged in the manufacture of the Puritan Brand of Corsets, which are sold extensively throughout the United States, and employs from 75 to 100 hands.

In connection with the manufacture of these corsets is the Puritan Clasp, which is a patent owned and controlled by this company, and which makes corsets look better and wear longer.

## Cash Supply & Manufacturing Co.

MICHIGAN'S GREAT  
MAIL ORDER HOUSE

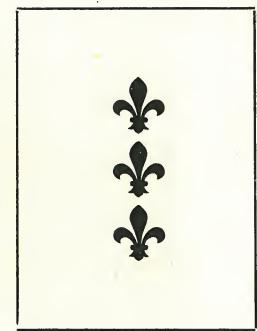
**T**HIS concern was established in 1880, under the name of Chase, Taylor & Co., and was succeeded in 1890 and until 1899, by Taylor & Henry, at which time the Cash Supply & Mfg. Co., succeeded.

January, 1902, the company was incorporated with F. J. Henry, president; F. A. Taylor, vice president and manager; E. E. Brownson, secretary and treasurer.

The business is the handling through *mail orders* and *catalogue* of agricultural implements, many of which they manufacture themselves; also Vehicles, Harness, Musical Instruments Table Silverware, Clocks and Watches and General Supplies for the farmer, poultry man, stock man, dairy-man.

This business has grown since its inception, into a very large and prosperous patronage coming from every state in the Union and many foreign countries.

The mail order feature has proven a very handy method of buying, when dealing with a responsible concern. A postal card will bring you their catalogue.



## George Polasky

Dealer in Iron and Steel metals and grades of Paper Stock and Rags, has been established since 1892, and was formerly of Lansing, Mich. Kalamazoo is situated in the heart of the paper industry, and many demands are made of him for material entering into the composition of paper, and he makes this a specialty, being the largest handler of these products in the Central States. He has a staff of thirty-four employes, and his shipping facilities are excellent, having a side track on the C., K. & S. Ry., office and assorting room on the Lake Shore Ry. He has a ready market and pays highest market prices for his commodities. He employs three outside representatives, with four branches, Battle Creek, Owosso, Hastings and Allegan, Mich. Shipments exceed 1,000 cars annually.



#### City Bottling Works.

This concern was established 40 years ago, but was succeeded by Mr. Henry F. Schoenheit in 1893.

The plant contains all latest and improved machinery and the products are carbonated waters, Ginger Ale, Mineral Water, Birch Beer, Cream Beer, Root Beer, Sherbet, Lemon Sour, Strawberry and Cream Soda. These goods, besides having the complete sale in Kalamazoo, without opposition, have an out of town shipment, which is large.



#### Kalamazoo Valley Electric Company

Was established 15 years ago, with an amended incorporation in 1898. This company does a general electric light and power business, with plants located as follows: 3,000 horse-power water plant at Trowbridge, Allegan county; 1,000 horse-power steam plant at Kalamazoo with sub stations located at Allegan, Otsego, Augusta, Galesburg and Battle Creek.

The company will also have the distribution of 2,000 horse-power from a new dam now being built at Plainwell, and which will be completed about January 1, 1903.

In addition the company also owns other water-power rights, which will be developed as fast as the business will warrant, and when these water rights are developed will control one of the largest and finest transmission systems in the United States.

The company now furnishes power to a large and constantly increasing list of consumers, many small factories having abandoned their steam plant and installed motors, which have proven much cheaper and more convenient. The lighting service is exceptionally fine and the demand for this class of illumination steadily increasing. The fact that satisfactory electric power service is available has attracted many manufacturers to this city.



#### Humphrey Manufacturing & Plating Company.

This company was incorporated June 12, 1894, and manufactures the celebrated Humphrey Crescent Instantaneous Water Heater; also Photographers' Supplies, Burnishers, etc., and is the originator of these goods.

The company employs sixty-five men, and their products are shipped to all parts of the world.



#### Star Brass Works.

This company was established in 1895, and incorporated in 1898, and makes a specialty of the famous Kalamazoo Trolley Wheels and Harps, which are well known throughout the United States and Canada, as well as several foreign countries, and thousands are being used every month.

The Kalamazoo Improved Trolley Harp, brought out by this company last year, has proven its superiority by enormous sales.

A postal card will bring to you at once their catalogue containing descriptive matter pertaining to these products.

The officers are: C. A. Peck, president; H. P. Shutt, vice president; O. P. Johnson, secretary and treasurer; F. P. Crockett, general manager.



KALAMAZOO PAPER COMPANY, MILL NO. 2



KALAMAZOO PAPER COMPANY, MILL NO. 1

## Kalamazoo Paper Company

ONE important fact in connection with Kalamazoo, is that manufacturing has been so frequently and so favorably demonstrated as to scarcely need repetition at this time, and yet it is the part of practical wisdom to keep our strong points and best characteristics always to the front, in order that the country may not be suffered to become obvious to them. The fact referred to is the thoroughness of all workmanship employed in our factories and the general high qualities of the productions. These observations apply with peculiar force to the manufacture of high grade paper, an industry for which the city is justly famous. One of the foremost establishments engaged in this trade is the Kalamazoo Paper Company, the oldest paper company in the city. The company was established in 1868 and the intention was to manufacture newspaper out of straw, which project was abandoned and rags were substituted. The first mill built is the one now known as the Kalamazoo Paper Mill, No. 1, and is of brick (the old wood mill being burned in 1872). It is equipped throughout with all modern, up-to-date machinery and turns out large orders. The second mill built in Kalamazoo was erected in 1892, for the manufacture of paper by the Botsford Paper Company. In 1896 the name was changed to the Wolverine Paper Mill Company. In 1899 it became the property of the Kalamazoo Paper Company. The company have now two mills and are just about to build a new one that will be still larger and far superior to either of the others. They have made many improvements and additions to Mill No. 2 and give employment to about 300 hands. Their shipments extend all over the world. The mill is under the management of the president of the company, Mr. F. M. Hodge, a gentleman of long standing in the paper business and one who is known throughout this country as one of the best posted. The rest of the officers are E. Woodbury, vice president and treasurer, and F. D. Haskell, secretary. They manufacture fine book paper, label, lithograph, half tone and map paper and have an immense yearly output.



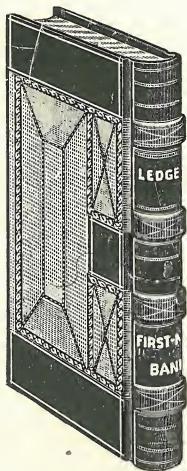
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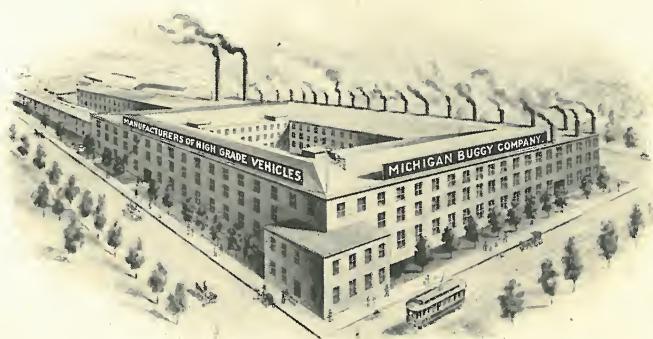
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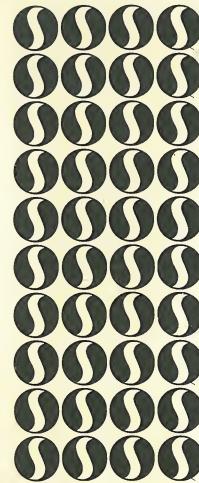
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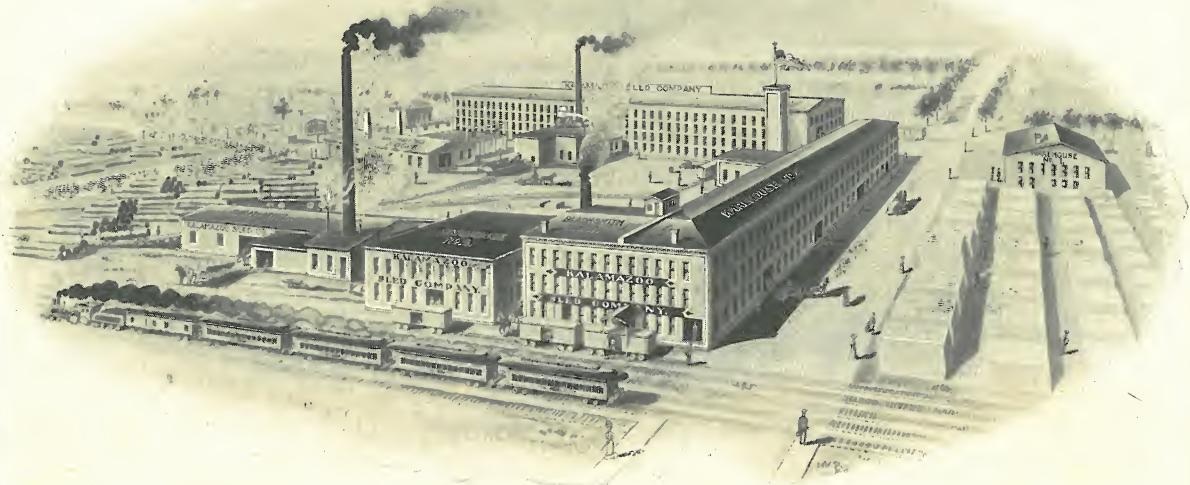
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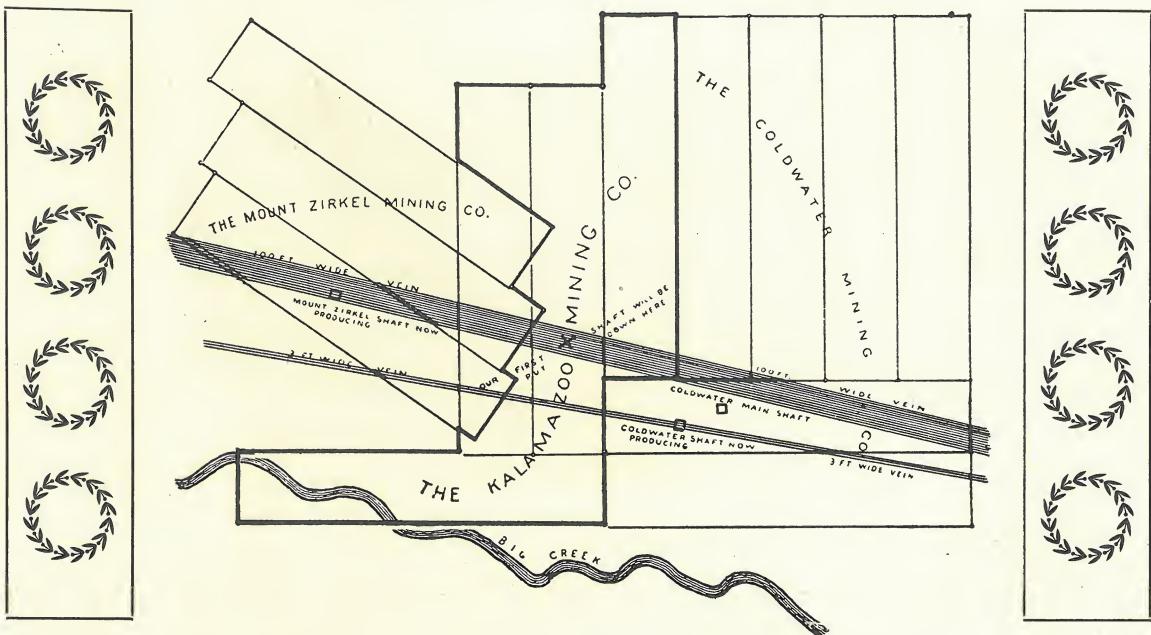


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# The Kalamazoo Copper Mining Company

Organized Under the Laws of the State of Wyoming, Capitalized at \$100,000.

FULLY PAID AND NON-ASSESSABLE



We own the following claims with perfect abstract and titles, with the Government Survey made and ready to patent, to-wit :

Copper Bottom, Last Chance, Baldwin and Kalamazoo, with a total acreage of about 35 acres, located between the Mt. Zirkel and Coldwater. Being on the same vein with these two producing mines (see cut), and between them, renders the location unsurpassed by any company or prospect in the district.

NOTE—Also six claims known as the Sleepy Hollow Group, which show two veins 3,000 feet long showing an iron capping second to none in the district, a ten foot hole showing Gold, Silver and Copper of the value of \$4.26 per ton.

There are three continuous veins crossing all three properties ; two very well defined, running parallel about forty feet apart, easily traced by out-croppings which show assays of Copper from one to five per cent., while the native rock adjacent for several feet carries the same amount of Copper.

Prospect holes on both properties show assays of Copper as high as 20 per cent.

All three properties show on the surface iron capping containing the oxides of Copper and Carbonates. With additional depth they change to Sulphides ; the Mt. Zirkel shaft at a depth of 125 feet showing a vein more than 16 feet wide, with an ore chute 6 feet wide containing 10 to 12 per cent. value in Copper Sulphides, with \$3.00 to \$8.00 in Gold. On the Coldwater, one 8-foot vein at a depth of thirty feet shows a 30-inch ore chute running 20 per cent. in Oxides and Carbonates, and in the cross-cut at a depth of eighty feet the whole vein eight feet thick contains per cent. Zinc with \$2.00 to \$4.00 in Gold. A second shaft shows 3 per cent. Copper on the surface with a vein twelve inches wide ; at a depth of twenty feet this vein had attained a width of eighteen inches ; the gangue being wider than the shaft, and the vein carrying ore to the value of 12 per cent. Copper ; while now at a depth of fifty feet this vein is three feet wide, carrying 50 per cent. Copper. Later investigation shows about 1,000 feet on the Kalamazoo property.

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